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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Arthur Jackson Hanes

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. Arthur Jackson Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, prime suspect in the murder of Martin Luther King, is the subject of an article being written by New York Times reporter, Martin Walden. Walden purports to disclose Agency use of Hanes in the recruitment of pilots during the Cuban situation.

3. Subject is a former FBI Agent (1948-1951) who is known personally to several members of the Office of Security. When he was considering resignation from the FBI in 1950 because he felt chances to rise were too limited in the Bureau, he submitted an application for employment to the Agency but his file reflects his case was canceled a week later. Subject served as a Confidential Correspondent with the Office of Security from May 1952 through February 1959. He terminated this service due to the pressure of his regular employment. At this time he was employed by the Hayes Aircraft Corporation, Birmingham, Alabama (August 1951 to November 1961). Hanes was elected Mayor of Birmingham in 1961 but was in office for only a year. He was granted a Covert Security Clearance in August 1961 for use by the Office of General Counsel on their Cleared Attorneys Panel.

4. Mr. Thomas McDowell, who has been utilized by both Special Operations Division and OGC in matters concerning the Birmingham widows, furnished information that Subject was instrumental in recruiting several Alabama National Guard pilots

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during the Bay of Pigs incident, several of whom lost their lives. It is Mr. McDowell's opinion that the Walden article will be published.

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Director of Security

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